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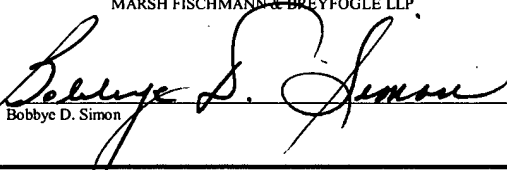
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For: "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
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HEARING AIDS THAT INCLUDE
IMPLANTED ACTUATORS"

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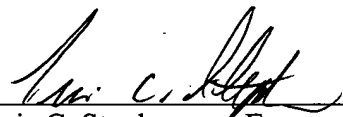
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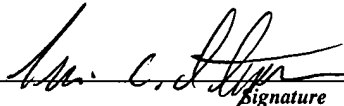
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